



CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NINILCHIK

WEDNESDAY PRAYER MEETING

Mid-Week Devotional

SERIES:

“Christ in the Psalms”

June 16th, 2021

“Song of Powerful Deliverance”

Psalm 114

SUBJECT AND DIVISION. — This sublime SONG OF THE EXODUS is one and indivisible. True poetry has here reached its climax: no human mind has ever been able to equal, much less to excel, the grandeur of this Psalm. God is spoken of as leading forth his people from Egypt to Canaan, and causing the whole earth to be moved at his coming. Things inanimate are represented as imitating the actions of living creatures when the Lord passes by. They are apostrophised and questioned with marvellous force of language, till one seems to look upon the actual scene. The God of Jacob is exalted as having command over river, sea, and mountain, and causing all nature to pay homage and tribute before his glorious majesty.

The Treasury of David

Charles Haddon Spurgeon (1834-1892)

VOLUME V, PASSMORE & ALABASTER EDITION



This psalm is descriptive of the going forth of Israel from Egypt; but as this was a transaction typical of the church being led forth by the great Captain of their salvation from the Egypt of sin and death, the whole ought to be read with reference to Christ in his victories for his people.

The Poor Man's Commentary

Robert Hawker, D.D. (1753-1827)

PUBLISHED:1805



The title of this psalm in the Arabic version is "hallelujah", as in some preceding ones; it is part of the great "Hallel" sung at the passover, and with great propriety; since the subject matter of it is the departure of the children of Israel out of Egypt, typical of our spiritual redemption by Christ; and of the effectual calling of God's elect out of a state of nature into a state of grace; and particularly of the conversion of the Gentiles, and the bringing of them from Paganism to Christianity: the inscription of the Syriac version is, "a psalm without a name, out of the ancient writing; concerning Moses, who sung praise at the sea; but unto us the calling of the Gospel, by which we become a new people; spiritual to God, who is incarnate; to Jesus Christ, who redeemed us by his blood from the curse of the Scripture (the law), and hath cleansed us from sin by his Spirit."

John Gill's Exposition of the Bible

John Gill, D.D. (1697-1771)

PUBLISHED: 1746

Devotional Thoughts from Psalm 114

INSTRUCTION. God delivered Israel from Egypt's bondage; but not merely for a collective assembly – but also personally & individually (v1). God inhabits the praises of Israel, Psa 22:3 (v2). The power of God's deliverance caused the seas and rivers to part and the mountains and little hills to leap (vv3-6). The earth trembles at the Lord's presence (v7) for He is the One who split rocks to refresh a thirsty people (v8).

REFLECTION. The Israel's deliverance from Egypt was great, much greater was the deliverance from sin's bondage through the crucifixion of the Lord Jesus Christ. When the presence of the Holy Spirit awakens us to Christ's gospel truth, our souls tremble until everything earthly is shaken from its root so we may distinguish between what is worldly and what is heavenly, between what is wicked and what is holy.

APPLICATION. God slaked the thirst of Israel in the wilderness by bringing forth water from the rock at Horeb (Ex 17) and the rock at Kadesh (Num 20); however, we have come to the true Rock, the Lord Jesus Christ, to quench our thirst for righteousness: and He promised that from our bellies shall flow rivers of living water (Jn 7:37-39).

Devotional Challenge from Psalm 114

REMEMBER ALWAYS YOUR DELIVERANCE. As Israel remembered their deliverance from bondage in Egypt through the Passover observance, we must remember daily our deliverance from the bondage of sin through the Lord Jesus Christ, our Passover Lamb. **Praise God in Christ for your salvation upon every remembrance of what it cost God to deliver you.** [vv1-2]

REFLECT ALWAYS UPON CHRIST'S POWER TO SAVE. For greater is the miracle to save a soul from hell than to part the Red Sea or cause a mountain to be cast into the sea. **Reflect upon the great power of God in Christ that saved you.** [vv3-6]

REJOICE IN THE PROMISE OF CHRIST'S PRESENCE. Jesus promised He would never leave us nor forsake us (Matt 28:20; Heb 13:5), and gave us the pledge and seal of the indwelling Holy Spirit until He returns for us (Jn 14:17; Eph 1:13-14). **Rejoice as you commune with the Father through the Son in the Spirit.** [vv7-8]

What to Pray for This Week:

1. May the blessed truth of Your Word minister to us as we pray.
2. May our prayers begin sounding like those prayed in Scripture because You're conforming our lives to Christ.
3. May our focus in prayer be upon You, and not for the ears of man.
4. Pour out Your Spirit upon Christ's church, and upon the world.
5. Purify Your children, and unite us to worship You in Christ, with one heart, one mind and one accord.
6. Raise up godly ministers unto Your harvest, and bless those who are already laboring in Your field.
7. Be merciful unto us by bringing saving faith to our unsaved family, friends, neighbors, the village of Ninilchik, and all the residents of the Kenai Peninsula.
8. Remove from us all pride, haughtiness and arrogance, and make us ever watchful against the flesh and every temptation from the enemy.
9. Humble us as we commune with You in prayer, and keep us from lip-service, from deedless word religion and heartless works religion.
10. Teach us to abide in Christ each time we pray; that our hearts may be knit to His so we may glorify You.

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